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Arkansas Department of Agriculture Hosts "Free Tree Fridays" in Recognition of Arbor Day

LITTLE ROCK – In recognition of National Arbor Day, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division will be hosting giveaways of bare root seedlings at various locations across the state each Friday from March 17 through April 28.

"Adding trees to your yard or to a community forest is beneficial to all Arkansans, and Spring is an excellent time to plant trees," said Kristine Kimbro, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator for the Forestry Division. "With these Arbor Day celebration giveaways, we hope to provide all Arkansans with access to the many benefits trees provide."

Although species will vary by location, all seedlings will be native Arkansas hardwoods grown at the Forestry Division's Baucum Nursery. The giveaway will be limited to three seedlings per person on a first come, first served basis. The giveaways will be hosted at various locations across the state. Following is a listing of locations and times currently scheduled:

March 17

- Little Rock Arkansas Department of Agriculture, 1 Natural Resources Drive: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Osceola Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Office, 3137 W. Keiser Avenue: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.

March 24

• Morrilton – Wal-Mart, 1621 S. Business 9: 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

March 31

- Walnut Ridge Lawrence County Extension Office, 1100 W. Main Street: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Pocahontas American Made General Store, 1100 Pace Road: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Wynne Wynne Fire Department, 1111 Falls Boulevard: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.

April 7

- Batesville Riverside Park, 1770 Chaney Drive: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Hot Springs Garland County Library, 1427 Malvern Avenue: 11 a.m. 1 p.m.
- Greenbrier Greenbrier City Hall, 11 Wilson Farm Road: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.

April 14

- Warren Warren City Park, 400 W. Church Street, 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Alma Alma Public Library, 624 Fayetteville Avenue: 10 a.m. 12 p.m.

April 21

Sheridan – The Mad Butcher, 815 Rock Street: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Additional locations will be added throughout the month. Visit <u>agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry/urbancommunity-forestry/free-tree-friday/.</u>

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